

# DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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## **Marshall Astronomers Spot First Soft Gamma Repeater in 19 years**

Astronomers with Marshall's Space Sciences Laboratory have discovered the first new soft gamma repeater in 19 years. With this discovery, Marshall scientists believe that soft gamma repeaters are just one short phase in the life of a magnetar — a neutron star with an extremely powerful magnetic field. More information is at the following Web site:

<http://science.msfc.nasa.gov>

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## **'Live Inside' Webcast on X-33 Set for 12:30-2:30 p.m. CDT Fri.**

The progress of the X-33 program will be the topic of a webcast, "Live Inside!", set for 12:30-2:30 p.m. CDT Friday from Lockheed Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale, Calif. The panel of guests include X-33 Program Manager Gene Austin. The X-33 program is under Marshall's Space Transportation Programs Office. The webcast may be viewed at the following Web site:

<http://www.nss.org/x33>

## **Center Blood Drive Set for Friday**

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Marshall, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday at Bldg. 4752. Summer is a critical period for blood use and the blood bank is currently at very low levels of O-positive and O-negative blood. Those whose last names begin with A-B should donate at 8 a.m.; C-F, 8:30 a.m.; G-H, 9 a.m.; I-L, 9:30 a.m.; M-P, 10 a.m.; Q-S, 10:30 a.m.; and T-Z, 11 a.m.